

TAFT SHOULDERS RESPONSIBILITY

Holds Himself Accountable in "Controller Bay" Affair—Nails "Dick" Lie.

TALE "WICKED FABRICATION"

Resources of Alaska Should Not Be Turned over to Absorbing Corporations.

Washington, July 26.—President Taft sent a special message to the Senate today shouldering full responsibility for opening for settlement and development 12,800 acres of the Chukoch national forest reserve in Alaska—an incident which has become to be known as the "Controller Bay affair." In concluding he brands the now famous "Dick to Dick" postscript as a "wicked fabrication" and says that Charles P. Taft, whose name appeared in the alleged postscript, has no interest in Alaska, never had, and knows nothing of the circumstances connected with this transaction.

Moreover, the President adds, his brother does not even remember that he ever met Richard S. Ryan, representing the Controller Railway & Navigation company.

As for eliminating the land in question from the reserve, the President says that there is no danger of the Controller Railway & Navigation company or any other interests monopolizing the field, and nothing to show that this company is in any way connected with the Morgan-Guggenheim interests. Hence, he believes that in eliminating the land he has acted for the best interests of the nation.

"I wish to be as specific as possible upon this point," says the President in his message, "and to say that I alone am responsible for the enlargement of the proposed elimination from 20 acres to 12,800 acres, and that I proposed the change and stated my reasons therefor. The thing which the Territory of Alaska needs is development, and where rights and franchises are properly granted to encourage investment and construct a railroad, without conferring exclusive privileges, I believe it to be in accordance with good policy to grant them."

Accompanying the President's message are documents, reports and maps bearing on the case, as requested from him by a Senate resolution of June 27th, last, "deem it wise," says the message, "to accompany the submission of these documents with a statement in narrative form of the action of the administration with the reasons therefor." Here follows a description of Controller Bay and environs, and a map showing the effect of withdrawing the much mooted 12,800 acres from the reserve.

The President's message takes up the thread of his narrative as concerns the events that precipitated the controversy.

Navy Department Objected. He relates how Ryan, representing the Controller Railway and Navigation company, applied in 1909 for the elimination of a tract to enable this company to secure railroad terminals, etc. The application was referred to the Forestry Bureau and then to the navy department with a view that perhaps the navy desired this Controller Bay as a reservation. The forestry interests found no objection to the elimination of the tract indicated, "or indeed," as the President writes, "to the elimination of 18,000 acres in the northwest shore of Controller Bay."

The navy department's answer was "negative," says the President, and after the matter had been considered by the secretary of agriculture, by the secretary of the interior, and the general land office, a recommendation was made to him that 320 acres with a frontage of 160 rods on the northwest shore of Controller Bay be thrown open. A formal order to this effect was finally submitted to him in October, 1910, but when the matter came before the cabinet late in that month he found objection to it. His reasons for taking this stand he explains in his message in part as follows:

"I expressed dissatisfaction with the order because it purported on its face to make the elimination for the benefit of a railroad company of a tract of land which the company could not lawfully enter, since it was a tract 320 acres in one body, when only 160 acres could be acquired. In the second place, I preferred to make a much larger elimination of a tract facing the entire channel, and with sufficient room for a terminal railway town. I was willing to do this because I found the restrictions in the law sufficient to prevent the possibility of any monopoly of either the upland or the harbor or channel by the Controller Railway & Navigation company or any other persons or company. Because of a lack of time sufficient to draft a memorandum myself, I requested the secretary of the interior, who, with the secretary of agriculture, after full discussion, had agreed in my conclusion, to prepare a letter setting forth the reasons for making the larger elimination, so that it might become a part of the record."

"I wish to be as specific as possible upon this point, and to say that I alone am responsible for the enlargement of the proposed elimination from 20 acres to 12,800 acres, and that I proposed the change and stated my reasons therefor, and while both secretaries cordially concurred in it the suggestion was mine."

ACTING IN GOOD FAITH.

The President says he had every assurance at the time that the Controller Railway & Navigation company was an independent enterprise working in all good faith, and that no evidence to the contrary has since been brought to his attention. "Of course it was possible," he continues, "that the owners of the Controller River Railway company" (Messrs. Morgan and Guggenheim) "might attempt to buy this railroad when and if it

GOVERNMENT MAY DEMAND CRIMINAL INDICTMENTS

Long Planned Action against United Shoe Machinery Company Will Begin Next Month—Evidence of "Oppressive Monopoly."

Washington, July 26.—The government's long planned action against the United Shoe Machinery company will begin next month when evidence gathered by the department of justice will be presented to a grand jury in Boston. Attorney General Wickersham to-day declined to discuss the case further than to say he believed it presented evidence of a "very oppressive monopoly."

Special investigators from the department's anti-trust bureau have been working on the case about a year. One feature of the case involves a question of patents much the same as in the case against the electrical trust and the probable action against the International Harvester company. In the main, however, the government will charge monopoly and restraint of trade by illegal contracts and methods.

While there is no official confirmation of such a statement, it is generally understood here that the government will ask for criminal indictments, in addition to bringing a civil suit for dissolution.

TWO SEPARATE INVESTIGATIONS. Boston, Mass., July 26.—Attorney-General Swift, who recently started an inquiry into the business of the United Shoe Machinery company at the instance of Governor Foss, said that the federal action will not necessarily affect the investigation which he is making.

Third: Nothing in the act contained is to be construed to authorize entries to be made or title to be acquired to the shore of any navigable waters within the district.

"The whole contention that the executive order and the opening to settlement of the shore of Controller Bay grants a monopoly to the railway company," he resumes, "rests on a claim that it has given an opportunity to persons using scrip to appropriate the land, and the only available and practicable parts of the channel by the location of the scrip opposite to those parts. If now the location of the scrip opposite to the harbor gives no right to reach the harbor except as Congress may expressly give it, clearly the Controller Railway and Navigation company has not the slightest opportunity for exclusive appropriation of the harbor facilities unless Congress shall by future act deliberately and voluntarily confer it."

ANSWERS CRITICISMS. Having explained in detail his reasons for opening up the land in question, the President takes occasion to answer several incidental criticisms.

"The order has been criticized because it was not in the form of a proclamation, instead of an order," he writes. This was determined by Mr. Graves, the forester, he explains, and he quotes a letter of Mr. Graves to the effect that when a comparatively small area is eliminated from a national forest the executive order is very commonly used instead of a proclamation.

As to the charge made on the floor of the Senate that the order was secret, the President says, "This was utterly unfounded." In support of this, he says that ten days before the order was made the details of Ryan's application and the probability of its being granted were given wide publicity. He cites in this respect that the Associated Press carried an account of the matter October 25, 1910, as taken from a typewritten statement issued by the interior department.

The order has also been criticized, he says, on the ground that it did not contain provision delaying its taking effect for 30 days after its publication, as orders restoring land to settlement by settlers frequently do. In this respect the President says: "An examination of the record furnishes an explanation of this feature of the order as made. When in October the two departments had agreed with my acquiescence that the order should be an elimination of only 20 acres. It was deemed wise to spread on the face of the order a specific declaration that it was made to afford terminals for the Controller Railway & Navigation company, and as no one else was expected to intervene and take up any part of the eliminated tract, the restoration was made immediate. The form thus amended was submitted to the secretary of agriculture, who expressed his preference for the immediate restoration. When I directed the striking out of the reference to the railway company and the enlargement of the area from 20 acres to 12,800 acres, the form of the order in its provision for immediate restoration was not changed. I have no doubt that this was the reason why the order issued took the form it did. But I would, doubtless, have directed it to be embodied in the order. But the event has proven that it was really not important in this case, for in nearly nine months only the Controller Railway & Navigation company has made any scrip entries on the eliminated tract."

Taking up the "Dick to Dick" episode the President says in substance: The Vermont colleges and universities, by President John Martin Thomas of Middlebury College; the women's colleges of the United States, by President M. Carey Thomas of Bryn Mawr College; Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania; academics and scholars, by President Edward A. Bishop of Mount St. Mary's; the town superintendents of Vermont by a superintendent yet to be chosen; Miami University (from which Dr. Benton has just come), by Acting President Raymond M. Hughes; the religious press, by Dr. James Monroe Huxley of Boston, editor of the Christian Advocate; the educational press, by Dr. Albert Edwin Winslow, editor of the Journal of Educational Public Education in Vermont; by Hon. Mason S. Stone, State superintendent of education; and the United States Bureau of Education, by Philander Frosty of Washington, D. C., national commissioner of education.

At noon there will be a buffet lunch, served probably in the gymnasium, and at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon there will be a procession, as usual on commencement day. The column will form upon University place, marching down College and Church streets to The Strong theatre, where the inaugural ceremonies will take place.

Elias Lyman will preside. The exercises will open with scripture readings by the Rev. A. C. A. Hall, Episcopal bishop of Vermont, followed by the singing of one of Luther's great hymns. The bishop will then offer prayer, and there will be an address by some undergraduate of the university, yet to be appointed.

Following this will be an address by a member of the university faculty, not yet chosen, and President Darwin P. Kingsley of the New York Life Insurance

INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT BEYTON

Large Number of Distinguished Educators Will Be in Burlington October 5 and 6.

PRESIDENT TAFT MAY COME

College Men from All Parts of the Country Will Participate in the Exercises and Make Addresses.

If the plans now being made are successful, President William Howard Taft will be in Burlington October 5, and will speak at the inauguration of President John Porter Beyton of the University of Vermont, responding, on behalf of the United States, to the address of welcome by Mayor Robert Roberts.

Yesterday afternoon there was a meeting of the committee upon arrangements for the inauguration, consisting of Elias Lyman, Judge E. C. Mower, Charles Peck, Mayor Robert Roberts and Redfield Proctor, and tentative plans for the inauguration ceremony were drawn up. These include an educational conference and address by a large number of distinguished speakers from all parts of this country.

Two days, October 5 and 6, will be devoted to the inauguration of President Beyton. The special exercises in connection with the event will open on the morning of the 5th with a general educational conference, which will be of wide interest to teachers and will undoubtedly draw a large attendance. The afternoon of this day will be devoted to special educational conferences upon different lines of work, and the teaching of various individual subjects will be taken up in great variety. Many prominent educators will be present, and their addresses will be of much value.

The evening of the 5th will be important from an educational standpoint, for at eight o'clock, in the First Church, there will be a lecture by the Rev. Dr. Frank Wadley Gunsaulus, pastor of the Central Congregational church of Chicago and president of the American Association of Theological Schools. Another committee was also appointed to take charge of the matter of obtaining auditors, and this one is made up of Mayor Roberts, Judge E. C. Mower and Supt. Cassius Peck.

Other action in preparation for the inauguration was the appointment of Prof. Max W. Andrews as secretary of the general committee upon the inauguration, and the election of Charles E. Allen as marshal of the inaugural ceremonies.

MANSLAUGHTER IS CHARGE

Philip Messier Released on \$1,000 Bail—Hearing Friday. St. Albans, July 26.—Philip Messier of Montgomery Center, arrested Sunday on the charge of manslaughter in slaying the death of Kermit Murray, aged 8 years, last Saturday by pushing him against a sink while in an angry frame of mind, has been released on bail which was fixed at \$1,000. The autopsy, it is said, revealed the fact that the boy's skull was crushed by a back of one ear which caused his death. A hearing will be held here Friday morning.

BEAUMONT GETS THE \$50,000

Wins London Daily Mail Prize for Circuit of Great Britain—Covers 1,010 Miles. Brooklands, England, July 26.—A Beaumont, Lieutenant De Beaumont won the \$50,000 prize offered by the London Daily Mail for the circuit of Great Britain aviation race of 1,010 miles. The Frenchman reached the goal here at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, making a splendid "volplane" from a height of 1,000 feet.

Beaumont and Vedrine, who left Bristol at five o'clock this morning on the final stage of the circuit of Great Britain aviation race for the London Daily Mail prize of \$50,000, arrived at Brighton at 11:30 o'clock, making the last leg of his aggregate time now being 22 hours and 27 seconds. Vedrine's total time is 22 hours 50 minutes and 25 seconds.

The final section of the race covered a total distance of 30 miles, the course being laid from Bristol to Exeter 15 miles, to Salisbury 15 miles, to Brighton 10 miles, then to Brooklands 10 miles. Hamel smashed his machine in alighting near Bournemouth. He was slightly hurt but expects to resume his flight in the morning. Cuddy reached Gosforth, a suburb of Newcastle, having not yet completed the second section of the race. The Englishman, making a splendid start, will make a new start tomorrow. The other competitors have dropped out.

"JOKER" IN WOOL TARIFF?

Senator Dixon Says Clause Allowing Importers to Discard Bought Piece Reduces Protection.

Washington, July 26.—The Underwood wool tariff bill had its first serious consideration in the Senate today, with an editorial in the Ottawa Citizen, the State's attorney said that he was led on by Arthur Case, now under arrest, and that since his arrest Underwood had aided the officers very materially. Judge Swinerton sent the boy to the Vermont industrial school at Vergennes for the remainder of his minority with alternative sentence of not less than five nor more than 10 years at the House of Correction.

Elmer Daniels of Castleton was fined \$5 and costs for concealing stolen goods taken from the Ellis house.

LONG PRISON SENTENCE FOR THIS HOLD-UP MAN

Rutland, July 26.—William Leonard, alias Delia, of Pawlet, age 33 years, will serve not less than 14 years nor more than 15 years in State's prison at Windsor for holding up City Engineer Arthur C. Grover of Rutland on the highway two miles north of Wallingford July 12. This sentence, the most severe ever given in Rutland city court, was doled out today by Judge Fred G. Swinerton when Leonard pleaded guilty to the charge of robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon.

In asking for as severe a sentence as the law would allow, State's Attorney Bert L. Stafford of this city, not only reviewed the circumstances of the crime—

the fact that Leonard probably was prevented from murdering Grover with the rifle he carried only by his intoxicated condition, and the significance to be attached to the bottle of ammonia and squirt gun carried by the respondent—but he also recalled the bandit's past record. He has at least twice been in State's prison and he has an unsavory record at the House of Correction, where he has been confined on several occasions. He once knocked John Holland, a keeper, senseless when Holland was trying to prevent the escape of Leonard and a pal after iron bars had been cut with a saw made by Leonard from a knife he had stolen from the prison dining room. Leonard was a pal in several crimes with Robert Eddy of Wallingford, now in State's prison for manslaughter.

once company will respond on behalf of the alumni of the University of Vermont. Governor John A. Mearns will then speak on behalf of the State of Vermont, and he will be followed by President William H. Taft of the United States, if it is possible for him to be present.

The presentation of the keys and charter of the university to the president-elect will then take place, and this will be followed by the administration of the oath of office to Dr. Beyton by Associate Justice George M. Powers of the Supreme Court of Vermont. The new president will then deliver his inaugural address, and a large number of honorary degrees will be conferred.

From five o'clock until seven the president-elect will receive the delegates, alumni, invited guests, faculties and students will be held at the president's residence on University place.

At eight o'clock will be held a corporation dinner, the place of which has not yet been decided upon. At this banquet it is expected that the following speakers will be heard: Governor Eugene N. Foss of Massachusetts, President Marion L. Burton of Smith College, Dr. Thomas Nicholas of New York city, president of the board of education, Dr. Lyman Abbott, editor of the Outlook, President Arthur Twining Hays of Yale University, President Ernest Fox Nichols of Dartmouth College, President Harry A. Garfield of Williams College and Dr. Harvey C. Minnich, dean of the Ohio State Normal college.

These are the tentative plans of the committee, as they now stand. Any detail may, however, be changed, and the final announcement cannot be made for some time.

WED IN BIG TUNNEL.

First Collins, Col., July 26.—The opening of the Laramie-Poudre tunnel, one of the longest and most difficult tunnels ever built for irrigation purposes, was celebrated yesterday.

Many prominent men of the State were guests of Contractor J. A. Melville of Denver, who constructed the long tunnel, and they were present this afternoon and witnessed the marriage where the last shot was fired of J. B. Alexander, the night electrician at the bore, and Miss Della Stevenson of New York city. The point where the ceremony was performed is fully a mile below the surface.

FIGHT TO LAST DITCH PROMISED

Paris, July 26.—John W. Gates passed a splendid day. A London specialist found him much improved since the last time he saw him. The doctors think that, barring complications, which they do not look for, Mr. Gates is on the high road to recovery.

YOUNG BOY BURGLAR.

Wilbur Putnam, Colored, 15 Years Old, Sent to Industrial School. Rutland, July 26.—Another chapter of the prosecutions growing out of the burglary of the house of Horace B. Ellis, a well known Vermont hotel man, at Castleton was transacted in city court here today, when Wilbur Putnam of Castleton, colored, aged 15 years, pleaded guilty to burglary in the night. The State's attorney said that he was led on by Arthur Case, now under arrest, and that since his arrest Underwood had aided the officers very materially. Judge Swinerton sent the boy to the Vermont industrial school at Vergennes for the remainder of his minority with alternative sentence of not less than five nor more than 10 years at the House of Correction.

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HAPPENINGS IN VERMONT

Local Items of Interest From All Parts of the Green Mountain State.

THE NEWS BY COUNTIES

From the Island in the Lake to the Passumpsic, Along Otter Creek and by the Shores of White River.

ADDISON COUNTY

MIDDLEBURY.

Henry Abair and family are moving into the LaFleur house. Joseph Calhoun has secured the contract for putting in the plumbing and steam plant at the old Catholic Church recently purchased for a temporary gymnasium for the college. Dr. E. H. Sheldon has returned from a business trip to Brandon. E. G. Piper has arrived home with a new rowboat automobile—G. J. Duncan has returned from Brandon—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Munroe of Chisago are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Munroe of Seminary street—Miss Nellie Munroe of Burlington is in town to visit Miss Kane of Court street—Miss Catherine Freeman and Miss Burger of New York, who have been the guests of Mrs. M. K. Moore and family of South street, have returned to their homes—Mrs. Reno Pierce and daughter of New Jersey are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hayden of Court street.

The special meeting of school district No. 4 was held in the town hall Thursday evening with a good attendance. E. Weeks announced that the meeting was called for the purpose to see what action the voters would take in regard to the action of a previous meeting, held July 14, at which the sum of \$1,723.33 was voted for several parts of the new high school building, at this time thought best to be completed. After a few preliminary remarks A. W. Dickens said that he did not think that the school district should vote any more than the original amount of \$50,000, and that the school committee should be held within that amount. Ira H. LaFleur gave an explanation as to what the extra \$1,723.33 was to be used for, stating that it was for the payment of the architect's fees and the putting in of dormer windows, skylights and other improvements, which the committee thought best to complete. Mr. Dickens moved that the action of the previous meeting be rescinded. A ballot was called for, resulting in a vote of 39 to 84, the motion of Mr. Dickens winning.

Madame Ellen R. Champagne, wife of the late Rev. Mr. Champagne, who has been ailing for some time, died at her home in this village Sunday evening at 10:30 o'clock, at the age of 75 years. Mrs. Champagne was on the street Saturday and about 20 minutes before her death she was taken with an attack of heart trouble from which she never recovered. She is survived by two sons, Frank of Fitchburg, Mass., and George of this village, who made his home with her, and a sister, Miss Margaret Barrett of Middlebury. The funeral was held from the St. Mary's Catholic Church of this village, of which she was a member, at 9:30 Wednesday morning—Monday, market day, eggs brought 30 to 35 cents and butter 20 to 25. The cattle shipment from this section Monday consisted of three carloads of cows, calves and hogs for the New York and Boston markets—Miss Grace O'Connell has returned to New York city after a two weeks' visit in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Connell, at the local post office, is spending a two weeks' vacation at Lake Dunmore—Carl Mead, who has been visiting his mother, Mary Mead, of College street for the past week, has gone to Boston, Mass., where he will spend another week before he returns to his home in New York city—Mr. and Mrs. William Tidale announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruby Elizabeth, to Raymond Gould Higgins of Springfield, Mass.—The Middlebury band of 36 pieces has been engaged to furnish music at the annual outing of the Mount Saint Temple, A. A. O. S. S., on Lake Umbagog, Thursday—Mr. and Mrs. Manley Winch and son of Pittsford are in town for a visit to her mother, Mrs. Gilmore, of Seminary street—Mrs. M. A. Haber and daughter, who have been camping at Lake Dunmore for the past two weeks, have returned to town—Mrs. William Ford, who has spent the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. E. C. Brown and family at Moosalamoo Park, Lake Dunmore, has returned home—Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Phillips have gone to Lincoln for a visit to their daughter, Mrs. William Lee, and family—Miss Clara Bruya, who has been spending the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Manley Winch, has returned home—George Norton and family, who moved to Burlington some two months ago, have returned to town.

A pretty wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Cornwall in the east part of this town Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, when Miss Marian Cornwall of Princeton, N. J., sister of E. P. Cornwall, was united in marriage to Harry B. Hastings, Ph. D., of Hanover, N. H., a professor in Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. N. E. Cornwall of Bradford, Conn., an uncle of the bride, assisted by President John M. Thomas of Middlebury College. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings left in the evening for a wedding trip after which they will make their home in Clinton, N. Y. Only members of the family and immediate friends were present with the following friends out of town, Prof. and Mrs. Thomas of Princeton, N. J., parents of the bride the Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Cornwall, Prof. and Mrs. L. B. Hastings, Miss Hastings of Han-

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